

DESCRIPTION OF TRAILS

- 1. MODERATE — 3.25 miles. Begins and ends near the pool area and follows the shore line of Lake Shakamak. An interesting trail to see waterfowl and shorebirds.
- 2. EASY — 1.25 miles. Joins with Trail 1, east of the pool parking lot and proceeds through an oak forest and pine plantings, past an abandoned coal mine and returns to Trail 1, south of the group camp.
- 3. MODERATE — 1 mile. Trail 3 goes through oak woods, along the north shore of Lake Lenape, to the saddle barn. Native white-tailed deer have been observed on this trail.
- 4. MODERATE — 1 mile. Joins with Trail 3. Through oak trees and pines. Bridges and stairs add to the beauty. This brings you out to the campground.

PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS!

Please let wild animals remain wild. Feeding deer is prohibited. Feeding of all wild animals can result in harm to both animals and people. Animals who depend on handouts become a nuisance to park visitors and a danger to themselves. Please lock up all food and coolers inside cars or campers.

ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

BOATS — State owned boats may be rented by the hour or day. Privately owned boats may be launched on any of the three lakes, a launch ramp is provided at each of the lakes for this purpose. A launch permit is required to launch private boats. Only electric trolling motors, powered by no more than two twelve volt batteries are allowed.

CAMPING — Campground equipped with flush toilets, hot water and showers, plus handicapped accommodations. Occupancy is limited to two weeks. Some sites will accommodate both tents and trailers. Electricity is available at campsites and water is accessible at different locations throughout the campground.

FAMILY HOUSEKEEPING CABINS — For a moderate fee, cabins may be rented April through October. Cabins rent by the week only from Saturday to Saturday during June, July and August. They can be rented by the night with a minimum of two nights on the weekend during the rest of the year. Some of the cabins are available year-round. Cabins may not be rented to anyone under the age of 21 except when accompanied by a responsible adult.

FISHING — An Indiana Fishing License is required. All Indiana fishing laws are in effect.

GROUP CAMP — The group camp is designed for organized groups under adult supervision. The group camp will accommodate 270 persons and is equipped with a kitchen, dining hall and modern restroom facilities. Write to the Property Manager for information.

HIKING — Several miles of easy to moderate trails through the wooded areas and along the lake shores provide the visitor with a closer contact with the wonders of nature.

PICNIC AREA — Areas are provided throughout the park with tables, grills, toilet facilities, timberform playground equipment and playfields.

TENNIS COURTS — Two double courts are provided on a first-come basis, first-served basis and are located at the playground picnic area near the family cabins.

SADDLE BARN — Miles of bridle trails.

SWIMMING — Swimming is permitted only when lifeguard is on duty. Pool / Slide. Bathhouse and pool open Saturday before Memorial Day and no later than Labor Day.


THIS IS YOUR PARK

All visitors are expected to observe the following rules which are designed to fulfill the purpose for which state parks were established, namely, to preserve a primitive landscape in its natural condition for the use and enjoyment of the people.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Do not injure or damage any structure, rock, tree, flower, bird or wild animal within the Park. Do NOT gather limbs, brush or trees (either dead or alive) for firewood! It MUST be allowed to remain to rebuild the natural humus.
- Any firearm, BB gun, air gun, CO₂ gun, bow and arrow, or spear gun in possession in a state park must be unloaded or un-nocked and stored in a case or locked within a vehicle except when participating in an activity authorized by written permit.
- Dogs and cats must be kept on a leash no longer than six feet and attended at all times.
- There shall be no vending or advertising without permission of the Department of Natural Resources.
- Camping is permitted only in the campground. Youth groups must be under adult supervision.
- Fires shall be built only in places provided.
- Please comply with the Carry In/Carry Out trash policy in all day use areas. Overnight guests must put waste in receptacles provided for that purpose.
- Motorists will observe speed limits as posted, and park in designated areas.
- Swimming is limited to such places and times as designated by the Department of Natural Resources.
- Drinking water should be taken only from pumps, hydrants or fountains provided for that purpose. This water is tested regularly for purity.
- Report lost or found articles to the park office.
- All motorized vehicles must remain on paved roadways. Snowmobiles are prohibited.
- Use of metal detectors prohibited.
- Park closes from 11:00 PM until 7:00 AM, and no one is allowed in the park between these hours except for registered campers and cabin guests.

For a complete list of rules and regulations inquire at park office.



Please carry out all trash you produce in order to keep your park clean and beautiful for others to enjoy!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Write: Shakamak State Park
6265 W. St. Rd. 48
Jasonville, Indiana 47438
Call: (812) 665-2158
DNR
Indiana Department of Natural Resources


SPECIAL NOTE

Receipts from admission and service charges are used to help defray the operation and maintenance costs of the park. List of fees available in the park office.

The programs, services, facilities, and activities of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources are available to everyone. DNR prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility as described above, or if you desire further information please write to: Department of Natural Resources, Executive Office, 402 W. Washington St., Rm. W256, Indianapolis, IN 46204, (317) 232-4020.

INDIANA

SHAKAMAK
STATE PARK



In 1927-1929, Clay, Greene and Sullivan counties donated, to the State of Indiana, a tract of land consisting of unmanaged forest and abandoned coal mines to be maintained as a state park. Shakamak owes its name to the Indians, who played a prominent part in the history of this region up to the close of the war of 1812, aiding Tecumseh in his efforts against the United States. Early residents of the area mined coal from shaft mines, farmed the rich Wabash valley land and operated several mills and brick plants in the area. Brick was plentiful during the time the park was established and is evident by the many buildings and structures that are finished with brick. In the early 1930's, the Civilian Conservation Corps workers developed much of the park. Trees were planted and erosion control was completed in many areas. Many of the buildings and structures were built by the C.C.C.

Shakamak offers various facilities to make the visitor's stay an enjoyable experience. Shelters have their choice of several picnic areas. The wildlif that inhabits Shakamak includes a variety of species adapted to life in the forest and water. Mammals such as white-tailed deer, raccoon, fox squirrel, and red fox are commonly seen by the park visitors along with various birds such as cardinal, nuthatches, bluejays, redheaded woodpeckers and an abundance of waterfowl. Shakamak is well known for "good fishing" and offers three (3) lakes totaling over 400 acres of water accessible with a boat launch and boat rental is available on all three lakes. A pool/slide located near Lake Shakamak provides swimmers and sunbathers an excellent waterfront. The pool is open from the Saturday before Memorial Day through Labor Day and is staffed with qualified lifeguards. Swimming is allowed only at the pool and only when lifeguards are on duty. A large group camp with dorms, showerhouse, kitchen and dining facilities is available for groups under adult supervision. Reservations for this facility are handled through the park office. Family cabins equipped with electric range, refrigerator, showers, modern restrooms, beds and wood burning stoves are available from April 1st to November 1st. There are 29 cabins, 6 sleep 4 people, and 23 sleep 6. These cabins may be rented by the day from April 1st to June 1st and September 1st to November 1st. During June, July and August the cabins are rented by the week only from Saturday 4:00 P.M. to the following Saturday 11:00 A.M. There are some cabins that are available year-round. For more information regarding cabin reservations, please contact the park office. The staff at Shakamak enjoy being host to all park visitors and they hope your stay is a pleasant one. We welcome you to enjoy, respect and accept this hospitality.